

The Little Busy Bees :: :: Their Own Page

HERE are five new Busy Bees with stories on the Children's page today—Laurence Peacock, Omaha; Frances Shill, Sileam Springs, Ark.; Harry Brodsky, Omaha; Arline Helm, South Omaha, and Gertrude Simon, Council Bluffs.

For the benefit of these new Bees, and also for some of the others, the editor wishes to call attention to the "Rules for Young Writers," printed on the Children's page, and also to the importance of each Bee naming which side he or she is on. There are two sides—Red and Blue—each of which is trying to win more prizes than the other. A new Bee may choose to be on either side when he joins, and should state, not only on the first letter, but also on every letter thereafter, the side with which he is affiliated.

The Halloween stories show that the Busy Bees were especially active on Halloween. The letters about the Land Show at the Coliseum have been particularly interesting. Most of the Busy Bees seem to have the same idea as the editor on the kind of letters which are most satisfactory, namely, that stories telling of real incidents and describing real scenes are the most interesting.

Little Stories by Little Folk

A Visit to the Land Show.
(First Prize.)
By Earle Stirling, Aged 13 Years, 4056 Grand Avenue, Omaha, Blue Side.
The wind was blowing and it was chilly outside, but getting in the Land Show, I thought I must be transported to an apple kingdom. It was apples to right of me and apples to left of me. They blinked and smiled at me. We circled around the show and "twas apples, apples, apples. The big tents with their pictures were no attraction. I wanted to get back among the apples. I thought for awhile there was nothing but apples; but going around the balcony, we saw a panorama of the Willamette valley that looked like a picture of Italy. Then we saw the seals and heard them bark like dogs. Also, we saw the bees.

I thought by that time I had seen most everything, but wandering around, I saw some birds among grain stalks that looked like birds of paradise to me. But the man said they were pheasants and that there were many of them wild in some parts of Oregon and Idaho. I thought they must be great countries to grow apples like those and have such beautiful pheasants running wild.

My Visit to Catalina Island.
(Second Prize.)
By Lawrence Peacock, Aged 12 Years, 2320 South Thirty-second Avenue, Omaha.
The electric car left Los Angeles for San Pedro, from where we took boat for Catalina Island. It took about three hours.

When we arrived there were some boys in bathing suits, who told us to throw in our small change and watch them dive for it.

We saw many curious things, including many different kinds of fish. One of the fish weighed over 300 pounds.

We took a glass bottom boat trip which took us over the submarine gardens, where many beautiful fish live. We also saw the seal rock where there were some fine specimens sunning themselves on the rocks and we saw a diver dive up twenty-three feet of water and pick up shells.

We went to the top of Sugar Loaf mountain. Coming home from the island we saw many flying fish and leaping porpoises. We also went through the entire boat, seeing the big engine, the pilot house and many other things.

Johnny's Halloween.
By Harry Brodsky, Aged 12 Years, 56 South Twenty-fifth Avenue, Omaha.
"Get up, Johnny, for school. It is twenty minutes to eight."
"All right, mamma," Johnny was down for breakfast at ten minutes to eight. He had his breakfast and then his mother told him to go outside till it was time to go to school.

When he came in for school he talked his mother: "Ma, why are the boys talking of Halloween?"
"His mother said: 'Why, Johnny, I forgot to tell you that tonight is Halloween. You will have to go to bed early, because the boys will scare you.'
"Oh, I want to see tonight."
"Well, you go to school and I will think it over."
Johnny was only going to school three months and he was 12 years old.

After school Johnny did not say a word about Halloween, because he had forgotten it. Soon his father came home, saying, "Johnny, I have something for you."
"Let me see."
"And there's a mask."
"What is this tonight?"
"Tonight is Halloween."
Then Johnny went outside and saw the other boys with masks and pumpkin lanterns.
"Hello, Johnny. Come on and let's do something. Let's ring door bells. No, no, no, let's go with the big boys. No, they won't let us."
So they rang bells on houses. Johnny was going to ring a bell when an old man came out.
"What do you want here?"
"Oh, nothing, m-a-s-t-e-r." And he ran down the steps.
He went home and told his mother he had a good time, and then his mother told him to go to bed.
"All right, ma."
When he was in bed he saw a large thing in the window.
"Oh, mamma! There's a ghost in the window!"
"I told you to go to bed."
"And Johnny went to bed."

An Impromptu Halloween Party.
By Sadie B. Finch, Aged 12 Years, 2014 Fourth Avenue, Kearney, Neb., Blue Side.
It was Halloween, cold and windy. Numerous dark clouds drifted across the bright full moon, many times obscuring it for a few moments. The leaves were falling from the trees and being blown about in the air. It was an ideal Halloween night.

At many homes parties were given and the enterlaltos, masked and robed in white, received their guests garbed in weird and fantastic costumes. They were disturbed frequently by boys and girls dressed as ghosts, witches and gnomes, armed with tin-tacs and other things peculiar to Halloween, which made the evening more gruesome to the merry-makers.

In one little cottage lived a very unfortunate couple, Mr. and Mrs. Woodstock. They lived in seclusion and always looked on the dark side of life. They had a great dislike for children and their so-called frivolities.

Hiram Woodstock, sitting comfortably by the fire, remarked, "Jimmy! Hannah! Did you know this 'ere be the last day of October? We must put everything under lock and key or those pesky youngsters will ruin everything."
"Yes, Hiram, I know. My plans are made, and if any children come around here I will scare them out of a half-year's growth," replied the busy Hannah.
After dark she dressed as a ghost and hid behind a huge bush to await the arrival of the unsuspecting victims. She had not long to wait, as a heavy of girls soon appeared and were about to step on the porch.

Mrs. Woodstock sprang into their midst and was quickly surrounded by them.

Rules for Young Writers

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only and number the page.
2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 500 words.
4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
5. Write your name, age and address at the top of the first page.

First and second prizes of books will be given for the best two contributions to this page each week. All communications to CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, OMAHA, NEB., OMAHA, NEB.

The first little boy got a hold of me. "Oh," he exclaimed, "I have one." "So have I," said the second. "I have two," said the third, "now to make our Jack-o'-Lanterns."
So they took us home, and the little boy who got me out the top of my head off. Then he cleaned the seeds out of the inside. Then he cut eyes, nose and mouth. After he was finished he put a candle inside me.
The next evening the three boys got together and dressed as ghosts.
When they were ready one little boy said: "Now, where will we go?"
"Down to Tom King's house. He has plenty of children to scare."
So they went. Just as they were about down there, they said, "Mr. King come out."
And they ran in some weeds. Some other boys were hiding in there too, and when they came in the other boys scared them so that they dropped their lanterns and ran.
Of course, I broke and so did the rest, and what was left of me the chickens had in the morning.

Duke.
By Myrtle Rickkottter, Aged 12 Years, Gretna, Neb., Blue Side.
Duke is a very large, kind-hearted dog. He always goes to town to get the mail. He hates to see small dogs abused. One day when Duke was on the way home from town he saw a very small poodle being abused by a large coach dog.
When Duke saw this he big heart swelled with anger. He soon dropped the papers and chased the coach dog with all his might.
When he had chased the big dog until he was tired he came back. When he came back he saw the little poodle trying to guard the mail, but when Duke came he stood upon his hind legs and barked to show his thanks.
Then Duke started home and the little dog went with him a few miles until they came to a wooden fence. There he went under and soon returned with a bone which he laid at Duke's feet.
"Was that not a nice way to show his thanks?"

The Story of a Dollar.
By Ruth Mapes, Terrace Falls, Minn., Blue Side.
Once upon a time my home was in a big mountain. One day I heard a queer noise and a pick came very near striking me. Then I was taken from the mountain and crushed and pounded until I was very fine, after which I was melted and cut into a little round disk.
I heard somebody say, "There is a nice new dollar."
That was how I found out what my name was. I was given to a kind old gentleman, who gave me to a poor farmer, who bought a horse with me for his little girl. When the storkkeeper was about to put me in the cash drawer he dropped me and I rolled away and dropped through a crack in the floor.

Halloween.
By Esther Nordstrom, Aged 11 Years, 423 Seward Street, Omaha.
Some friends and I had a Halloween party. We had lots of things to eat and had some jack-o'-lanterns lit. We had games to play and gave little prizes away to the one who could do the things we told them to do.
We had lots of fun and I wish we could have another next year. That night we went out with our jack-o'-lanterns and had fun with them.

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